



**U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Highway Administration**

Federal Job Opportunity Announcement

ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: LF2106DX

OPENING DATE: 10-29-01

CLOSING DATE: 11-19-01

All application materials must be postmarked by the closing date (11-19-01) and received by 11-22-01.

POSITION: Surveying Technician, GS-817-07

SALARY RANGE: \$29,990-\$38,986 per year (Includes locality pay for Vancouver, WA)

LOCATION: Western Federal Lands Highway Division (WFLHD), Vancouver, WA

WHO CAN APPLY: Applications will be accepted from any U.S. citizen.

Individuals in the local commuting area of the duty location (Vancouver, WA) who are covered under 5 CFR 330.601 Career Transition Assistance Plan (CTAP) or 5 CFR 330.701 Interagency Career Transition Assistance Plan (ICTAP), who meet the definition of well qualified in the Qualifications Section will receive special selection priority.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

WORK ENVIRONMENT: Field survey crew work is performed in diverse locations in the western part of the United States and requires walking and climbing in terrain that may be extremely rugged and difficult to navigate. Temperatures and weather conditions may fluctuate from extreme cold to extreme heat; dry, wet and/or windy atmospheric conditions may exist. **Driver's License:** The selected individual will be required to drive a government vehicle and must possess or be able to immediately obtain a driver's license. **Salary:** Authorized per diem rates will supplement the salary while on project duty.

TRAVEL REQUIRED: The employee in this position should expect extensive travel within Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Alaska, and parts of Wyoming. Per diem is paid at established rates any time the employee is in travel status (outside of Vancouver, WA area). Project priority determines where crews are sent. Project duration is generally between 1 week and 2 months. Crews are typically sent to a project for the entire duration of the project and may or may not return to Vancouver, WA between project assignments. No arrangements are made to bring crews home for weekends or holidays. Crew members can submit a Request for Return (R&R) every 28 days. If approved, the crew member must travel on his/her own time, but WFLHD will pay travel expenses to official duty station, or the crew member's home (voting residence), whichever costs less.

SUMMARY OF DUTIES: This position is located in the Western Federal Lands Highway Division (WFLHD), Project Development Branch, Surveys and Mapping Section. The incumbent is assigned to a variety of technical activities in the planning and survey of Federal Lands Highway projects. Duties include: Running traverse lines and setting and referencing project control points; determining property lines through research of county records; performing special site surveys for other sections of WFLHD including material sources, stream sites and wetlands; setting markers and placing targets for aerial photography; using a wide range of survey instrumentation, automated data collectors, micro computers and related peripheral equipment; staking centerline and grades; obtaining slope and profile data; referencing the project and checking that the original survey has been done properly during the preliminary engineering phase; and setting right-of-way lines and clearing limits. Incumbent is also responsible for project administration duties during the Project Engineer's absence.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED: Candidates must have a minimum of one year of specialized experience equivalent to GS-06 **OR** one full year of graduate education directly related to the work of the position.

Specialized experience is experience that equipped the applicant with the particular knowledge, skills, and abilities (KSAs) to perform successfully the duties of the position, and that is typically in or related to the work of the position to be filled. In addition to work as a surveying technician, other qualifying specialized experience includes work as an engineering technician, soil conservation technician, or construction inspector.

For additional information on qualifications, please refer to the OPM Operating Manual for Qualification Standards for General Schedule Positions, Group Coverage Qualification Standard for Technical and Medical Support Positions, and the individual occupation requirements for Surveying Technician, GS-817, available in most Federal government personnel offices or at <http://www.opm.gov/qualifications/>.

NOTE: Well Qualified for CTAP/ICTAP candidates is defined as an eligible employee who meets the minimum qualification requirements for the position and receives a score of at least 85 (prior to the assignment of veteran preference points) when rated as described below in the Basis of Rating.

TIME LIMIT FOR MEETING QUALIFICATIONS: To be considered for this position, applicants must meet all qualification requirements by the closing date of this announcement.

BASIS OF RATING:

1. A determination of minimum qualifications will be based on your qualifications as stated in (1) the application, and if submitted, (2) any supplemental statement to address the rating factors/knowledge, skills, and abilities (KSAs) listed below. (See also item (2) under HOW TO APPLY.)
2. Applications rated minimally qualified will be further evaluated, and a numerical score will be assigned based on evidence of the rating factors/KSAs listed below

RATING FACTORS/KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

1. Knowledge of surveying to include: project control, topographic and cultural, bridge and material site, aerial control, cadastral and right-of-way surveys.
2. Knowledge of the use of state-of-the-art survey instruments, such as total stations, and optical or electronic levels, and Global Positioning System (GPS) receivers.
3. Ability to use computer equipment and related software programs to collect and transmit survey data.
4. Ability to express and present ideas in writing and in person in a clear and logical manner.

HOW TO APPLY: Please submit the following documents/information:

1. An OF-612 (Optional Application for Federal Employment), a resume, or any other application document you choose that includes the information described in OF-510, Applying for a Federal Job. Please ensure that your application includes sufficient information to demonstrate that you possess the quality and years of experience as specified under the qualification requirements.
2. A supplemental statement of experience describing how your background, experience, education, and training has demonstrated possession of the rating factors/knowledge, skills, and abilities (KSAs) listed in this announcement.
3. You must submit a copy of your college transcript to receive qualifications credit for education.
4. To receive veterans' preference a DD-214 and any other required documentation, i.e. SF-15, **must be included** with your application.

5. Applicants requesting consideration under CTAP/ICTAP must be “well qualified” (see definition in QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED) and submit documented proof that you meet the requirements of 5 CFR 330.605(a) for CTAP and 5 CFR 330.704 for ICTAP. Documented proof must include a copy of the agency notice, a copy of your most recent performance rating and a copy of your most recent SF-50 noting current position, grade level, and duty location. Please annotate your application to reflect that you are applying as a CTAP or ICTAP eligible.

SUBMIT APPLICATION TO: E-Mail: LHRC.LHRC@fhwa.dot.gov

Federal Highway Administration
Lakewood Human Resources
555 Zang Street, Room 400
ATTN: LF2106DX
Lakewood, Colorado 80228

Fax: (303) 969-5790

CONTACT INFORMATION: Ruth Croghan (303) 969-5772 extension 309

This announcement, forms, and additional information regarding Federal employment is available on the Office of Personnel Management's (OPM) Internet website at www.usajobs.opm.gov.

VETERAN'S PREFERENCE: If you served on active duty in the United States Military and were separated under honorable conditions, you may be eligible for veterans' preference. If your service began after October 15, 1976, and was not during the period beginning August 2, 1990, and ending January 2, 1992, you must have a Campaign Badge, Expeditionary Medal, or a service-connected disability to receive veterans' preference. To claim 5-point veterans' preference, attach a copy of your DD-214 "Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty. To claim 10-point veterans' preference, attach an SF-15 Application for 10-Point Veterans Preference" plus the proof required by that form. The DD-214 must include the character of your discharge.

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION: This agency provides reasonable accommodation to applicants with disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify the agency. The decision on granting reasonable accommodation will be on a case-by-case basis.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER: All eligible and qualified candidates will be considered regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, marital status, political affiliation, sexual orientation, or other non-merit factors.

PRIVACY ACT REQUIREMENTS: The forms referenced in the announcement are used to determine candidates' qualifications for the position and are authorized under 5 U.S.C. 3302 and 3661.

